

**From:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**To:** [PETERLIN, MEGHANN K](#); (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for permission to close the (b) (7)(E) gap  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 2:54:37 PM

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We will need to talk about this tomorrow at close out. It will probably keep until then.

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**Subject:** RE: Request for permission to close the (b) (7)(E) gap  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 2:18:57 PM  
**Attachments:** El Paso Sector Challenges with Private Barrier Construction vFINAL.docx

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**Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 2:46:15 PM

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Yes, we can do that. We'll coordinate with the Commissioner's office to determine who the appropriate parties should be and with counsel to ensure we have our boundaries for the engagement.

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**Attachments:** [WBTW Letter to Act Sec McAleenan.docx](#)

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June 6, 2019

Kevin McAleenan  
Acting Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Acting Secretary McAleenan,

As you may be aware, We Build the Wall recently closed a half-mile gap in the metropolitan El Paso system of border barriers, blocking a heavy corridor of immigrant smuggling and drug smuggling. It was the first time that a substantial border barrier had ever been constructed on private land by a private organization. The project was at (b) (7)(E), New Mexico.

The new border barrier starts at the Rio Grande and continues (b) (7)(E). Like other border fence sections, it is an (b) (7)(E) high, steel bollard fence with (b) (7)(E) at the top. It is set in a (b) (7)(E). However it is superior to other fence sections in four respects: (1) it is constructed of all-weathering steel; (2) it is accompanied by a paved access road for the Border Patrol along its length; (3) it includes (b) (7)(E) elsewhere on the border; and (4) it includes stadium-quality LED lighting along its entire length. The fence was erected in approximately one week, and the entire project was completed in less than two-weeks.

I am writing to you now to request permission to construct a border barrier of the same quality to close a gap on the (b) (7)(E), at (b) (7)(E) New Mexico, approximately (b) (7)(E) of the project that we just completed. The land that we



would like to build the barrier on is owned by the United States (it is not merely an easement created by the Roosevelt Reservation). For some reason, when the U.S. government constructed the steel bollard fence near the (b) (7)(E) Station, the fence ended abruptly on the flat ground at the bottom of the (b) (7)(E), right next to a neighborhood on the Mexican side. This (b) (7)(E) gap has become one of the worst trafficking corridors on the southern border. On April 30, 2019, the Border Patrol apprehended 424 migrants who had crossed through the (b) (7)(E) gap – the largest-ever migrant group apprehended as of that date. It is essential to the security of the United States that this gap be closed. However, it is not covered in any of the existing projects planned by the United States government.

We Build the Wall is asking your permission to build a (b) (7)(E) state-of-the-art steel bollard border fence to close the (b) (7)(E) gap. The proposed fence would commence where the old steel bollard fence ends (b) (7)(E) and extend (b) (7)(E) to the (b) (7)(E) boundary of the U.S. government property (b) (7)(E). It would climb approximately (b) (7)(E), it would also include a concrete road along the north side of the barrier for the Border Patrol to use. There would be nothing blocking Border Patrol access along the border; indeed, the Border Patrol agents would enjoy the ability to drive vehicles where they never could before. If there are any modifications to the design that you would like us to make, we will make them.

And we would do it very quickly—we can mobilize the resources to begin the project within four weeks of receiving your approval, and we can complete the project in less than two weeks after that. The barrier would then be given to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a gift, courtesy of We Build the Wall. All that we require is your permission to begin work.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you have any questions or to grant us approval to begin. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) of the Border Patrol has inspected the project we recently completed at (b) (7)(E) and can attest to its quality. As you know, time is of the essence. This gap is used nightly to smuggle in hundreds of migrants and untold quantities of drugs. We stand ready to close the gap.

Yours sincerely,



Kris W. Kobach

c. (b) (6)

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10-4 Sir.

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Sir - This will require substantial coordination with legal due to the environmental and treaty issues that were not considered during the construction of the initial segment. We will engage them tomorrow first thing and run the traps to provide a response ASAP.

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